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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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USING ENCRYPTION )  
(P.I.E – PROTECTED IP) )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the section beginning on page 53 on line 7, with the following:

The following copending U.S. Patent applications, originally filed the same day as the present application, are hereby incorporated by reference:

1. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/475,167, entitled "Automatic Port Status Reporting and Selective Call Barge-in For a Broadband Voice Over IP Telephony System and Method" invented by Kung et al.

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